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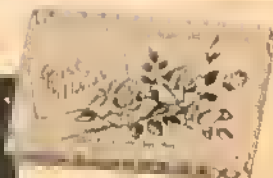
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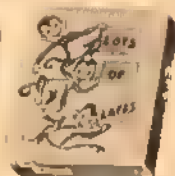
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## THE UNMASKING!



IT'S PROUD I AM OF YOU, DAN BOY---A WHOLE DAY'S GONE BY WITHOUT YOUR SHAMING THE FORCE ONCE!

BET YOU SAY THAT TO ALL THE ROOKIES, MIKE.

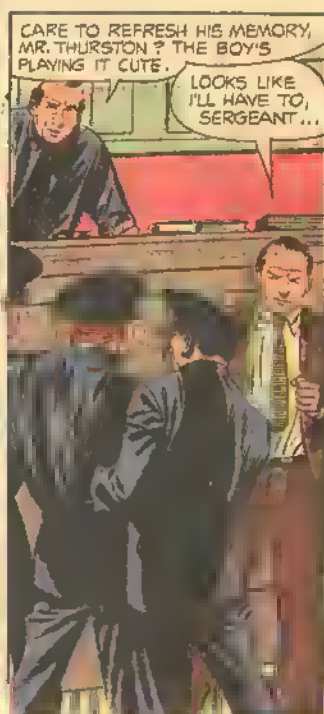


SARGE, PIN A MEDAL ON DAN! HE--

PIPE DOWN, MIKE!... IF A CERTAIN PARTY PUTS THE FINGER ON DAN, HE'LL BE WEARING HAND-CUFFS---NOT A MEDAL!



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BELIEVE ME---I DON'T ENJOY  
IMPLICATING A POLICE OFFICER  
IN SOMETHING LIKE THIS, BUT  
FACTS ARE FACTS--AND THE  
FACTS ARE THAT I WAS ALONE  
IN MY OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON,  
PREPARING THE PAYROLL...

...WHEN THE THREE MASKED MEN  
SUDDENLY BURST THROUGH THE  
DOOR---

STAY CLEAR OF THAT SAFE  
WHILE WE WORK ON IT, PAL--  
AND THERE'LL BE NO TROUBLE!

"THEY HAD RIFLED THE SAFE  
NOW, AND WERE ON THEIR WAY OUT."

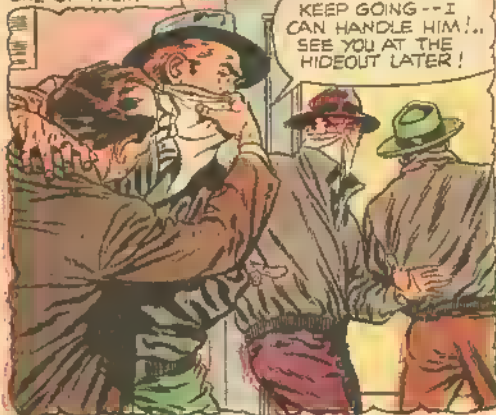
CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY...  
ALL THAT MONEY...AND I'VE  
LET MY BURGLARY INSURANCE  
LAPSE!





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"IT WAS FOOLHARDY OF ME... I KNOW I WAS TAKING MY LIFE IN MY HANDS WHEN I GRAPPLED WITH ONE OF THEM..."



KEEP GOING -- I CAN HANDLE HIM!... SEE YOU AT THE HIDEOUT LATER!

"HE GOT AWAY... BUT NOT BEFORE I'D RIPPED THE MASK FROM HIS FACE, AND HIS WALLET HAD DROPPED TO THE FLOOR!"



YOU KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY, DAN GARRET'S POLICE IDENTIFICATION CARD WAS IN THAT WALLET. AND THERE HE IS RIGHT NOW-- THE SAME MAN I GRAPPLED IN MY OFFICE!



NOT SO FAST, MISTER! WHEN DID YOU SAY THIS HAPPENED? ...DAN AND MESELF WERE WALKING OUR BEAT TOGETHER ALL AFTERNOON!

WHEN? ...AT EXACTLY 3:15!



UH-OH... I'M REALLY IN DEEP. AT 3:15, MIKE HAD NO IDEA WHERE I WAS, AND I CAN'T ALIBI MYSELF OUT OF THIS MESS WITHOUT SPILLING THE SECRET THAT I'M THE BLUE BEETLE!... I-I CAN'T TELL THEM THAT JUST ABOUT THAT TIME...



... WHILE MIKE AND I WERE POUNDING THE PAVEMENT --

DAN! LOOK!... SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED TO THAT PILOT -- HIS PLANE'S HEADED RIGHT FOR THE SKYSCRAPER!



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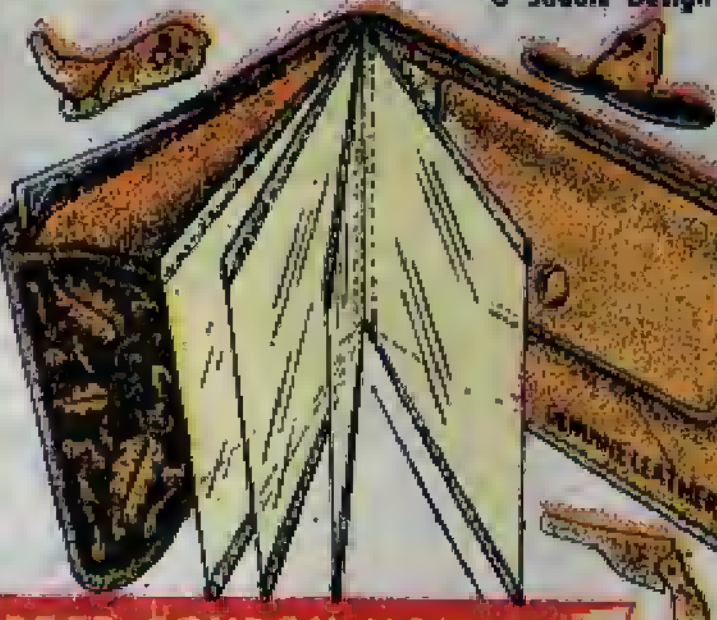
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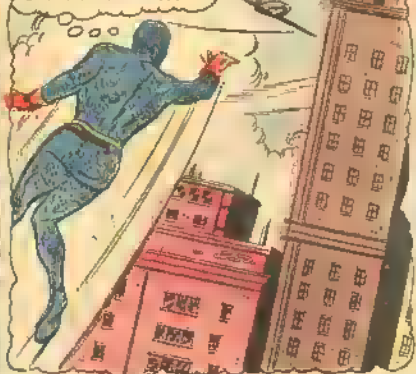
EVERY SPLIT-SECOND COUNT-  
ED! I PEELED MY UNIFORM  
OFF AS FAST AS I COULD--



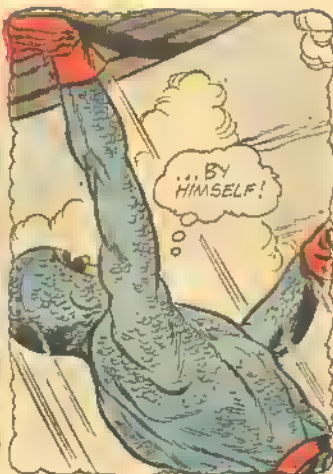
DAN  
DAN!!!

AND THEN--

THE PILOT'S TRYING  
TO PULL UP! BUT HE  
CAN'T MAKE IT....



...BY  
HIMSELF!



AND LATER--

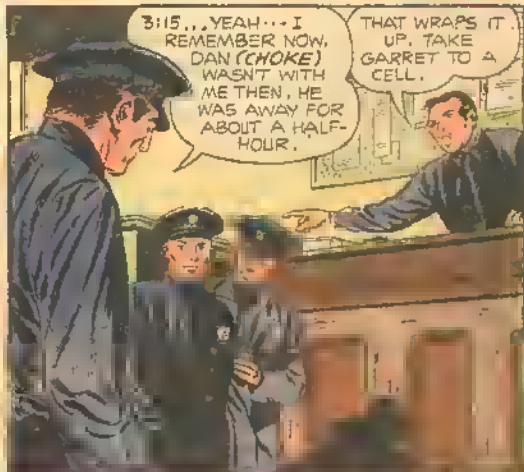
WHERE WERE  
YOU, LAD? YOU  
MISSED ALL THE  
EXCITEMENT!

MUST'VE HAD A DIZZY SPELL,  
MIKE... I-I SORT OF  
BLACKED OUT AND WAN-  
DERED AROUND A WHILE.



3:15... YEAH... I  
REMEMBER NOW.  
DAN (CHOKE)  
WASN'T WITH  
ME THEN. HE  
WAS AWAY FOR  
ABOUT A HALF-  
HOUR.

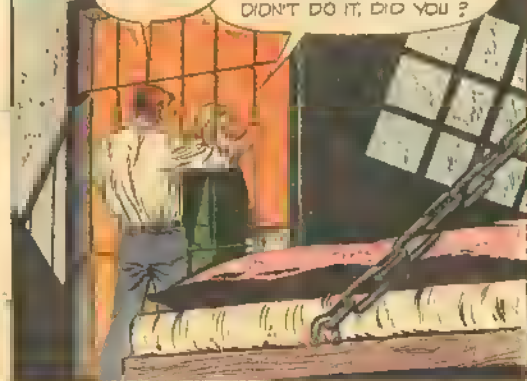
THAT WRAPS IT  
UP. TAKE  
GARRET TO A  
CELL.



LATER--

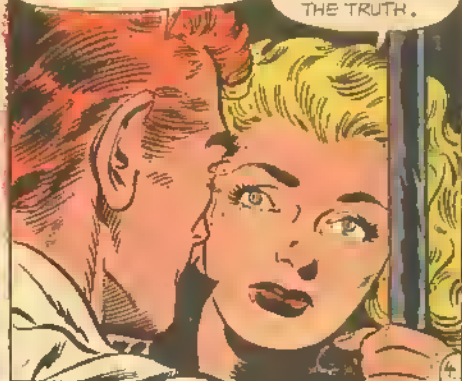
JOAN-- IT  
WAS GOOD  
OF YOU TO  
COME.

THEY TRIED TO STOP ME,  
DAN, BUT I STARTED VELL-  
ING ABOUT FREEDOM OF  
THE PRESS!... DAN... YOU  
DIDN'T DO IT, DID YOU?



NO, JOAN... IT'S A FRAME-UP.  
BUT WHOEVER'S BEHIND  
IT, MADE SURE THE FRAME  
FITTED TIGHT.

I'M ON THE  
OUTSIDE, DAN.  
I'LL KEEP DIGGING  
TILL I GET TO  
THE TRUTH.

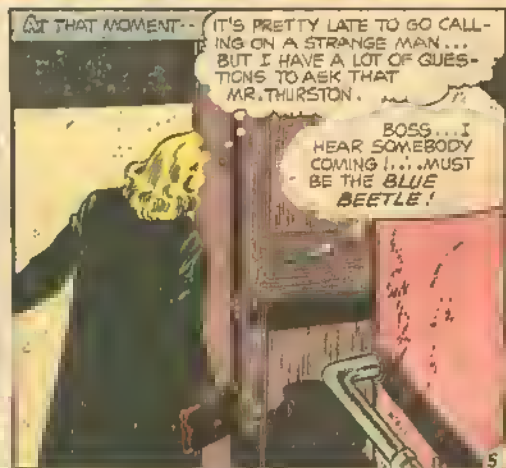




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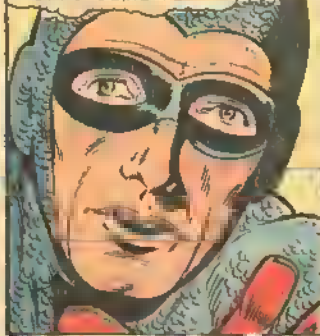
MEANWHILE, AT THURSTON'S APARTMENT...





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GOOD OLD X-RAY VISION!... I'VE BEEN USING IT TO WATCH THURSTON WHILE FLYING HERE... AND I'VE BEEN READING HIS UPS -- HEY! THAT'S JOAN ABOUT TO KNOCK AT THE DOOR... AND THEY'RE GOING TO--



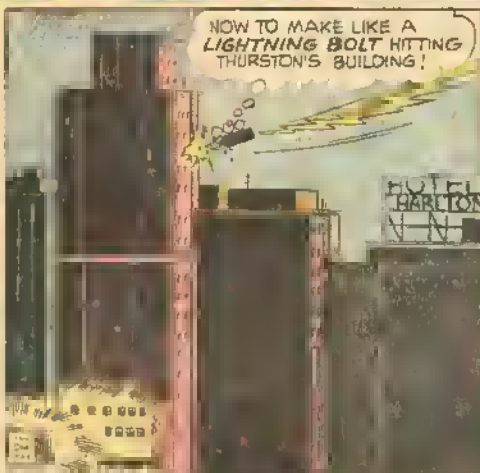
HAVE TO SAVE HER... BUT HOW CAN I DO IT WITHOUT PROVING THURSTON'S HUNCH ABOUT MY BEING DAN GARRETT IS RIGHT?.. UH-OH... THAT PREMIERE'S ABOUT TO START... AND THEY HAVE FLOODLIGHTS LINED UP!



EVERYBODY'S LOOKING THE OTHER WAY! THEY WON'T MISS THESE FOR A SPLIT SECOND!



NOW TO MAKE LIKE A LIGHTNING BOLT HITTING THURSTON'S BUILDING!



HEY... WH-WHAT HAPPENED? LIGHTNING... THE BUILDING WAS HIT BY LIGHTNING



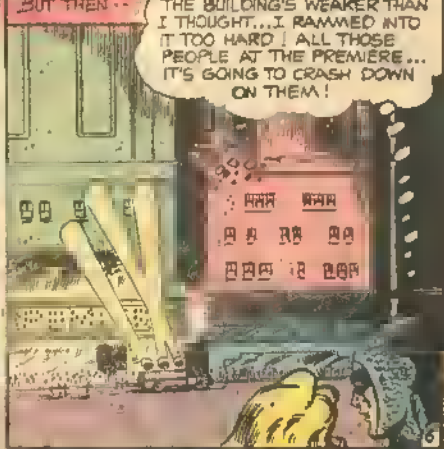
AFTER REPLACING THE FLOODLIGHTS WITH MIRACULOUS SPEED...

JOAN'S PASSED OUT!... SORRY I HAD TO SHAKE HER UP SO... BUT IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP HER FROM WALKING INTO THAT TRAP!



BUT THEN...

THE BUILDING'S WEAKER THAN I THOUGHT... I RAMMED INTO IT TOO HARD! ALL THOSE PEOPLE AT THE PREMIERE... IT'S GOING TO CRASH DOWN ON THEM!





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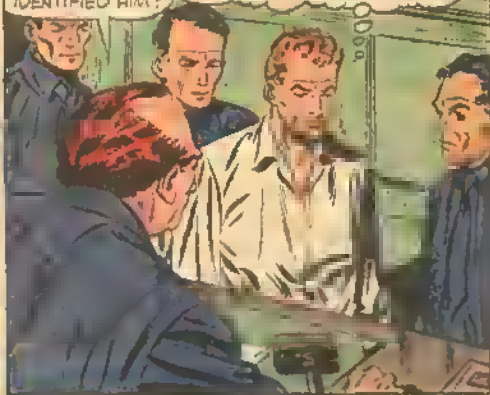
HAD TO COME BACK AS DAN GARRETT FOR THE LAST TIME. I'LL GO THROUGH WITH THE HEARING... EXPLAIN EVERYTHING THERE, TOO BAD... AS A ROOKIE COP I WAS NEVER FAR FROM WHERE TROUBLE WAS LIKELY TO FLARE UP, AND NOBODY KNEW WHO I...

LET'S GO, GARRETT... --TIME FOR THE HEARING!



WHERE'S MR. THURSTON, THE MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIM?

HE'LL NEVER SHOW UP HERE, HE'S TOO BUSY TELLING THE UNDERWORLD WHO I REALLY AM!



JUST THEN--

IT--IT'S THURSTON...!



I FOUND HIM WANDERING THROUGH THE STREETS, YOUR HONOR. BUT HE WON'T BE TESTIFYING AGAINST DAN GARRETT THIS MORNING...!



SEEMS HE WAS IN AN ACCIDENT LAST NIGHT... A BUILDING COLLAPSED WHILE HE WAS IN IT, AND THE SHOCK WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM... HE'S DEVELOPED AMNESIA...! HE CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING!

BUT WE FOUND THESE PAPERS IN HIS SAFE... AND WE KNOW WHO HE REALLY IS NOW!... WE'VE ROUNDED UP HIS WHOLE GANG--AND THEY TOLD US HOW THEY WERE TRYING TO FRAME GARRETT!

IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE A MAN DIE LAUGHING! THEY THOUGHT --HEE-HAW-HO-- THAT DAN WAS THE BLUE BEETLE!

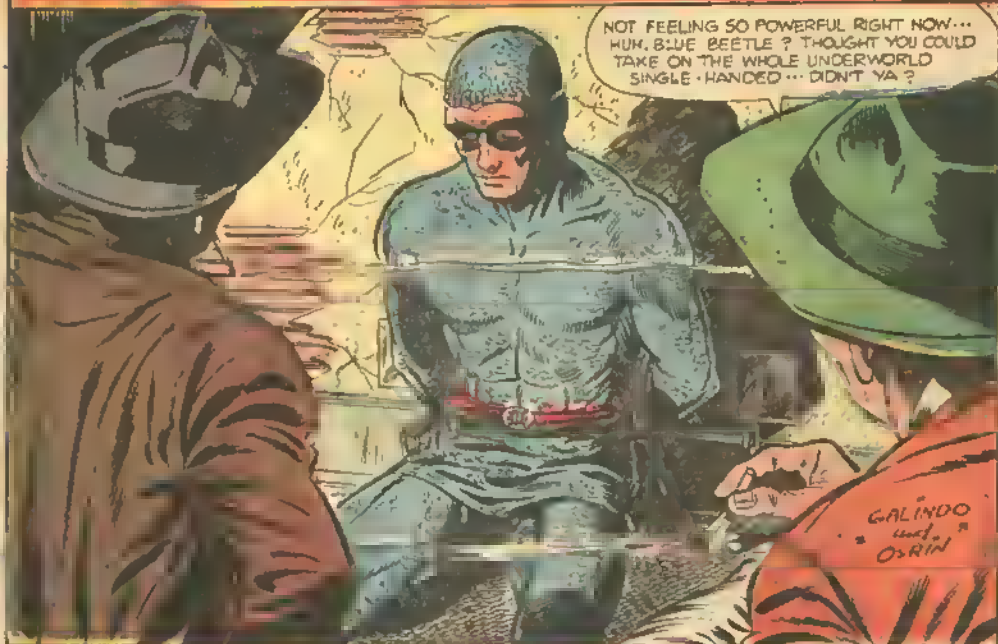
WHERE'S A RABBIT'S FOOT FOR ME TO KISS? THE WAY EVERYTHING'S SHAPED UP--THURSTON WAS THE ONLY ONE TO SEE ME... AND HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TELL! WHEN THE SECRET'S SAFE AFTER ALL!



THE END

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# THE BLUE BEETLE in CAPTURED





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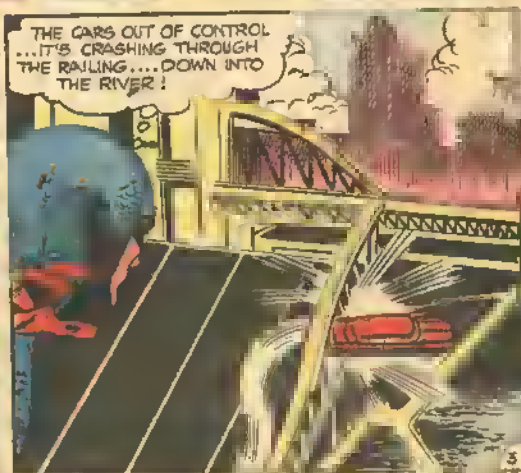
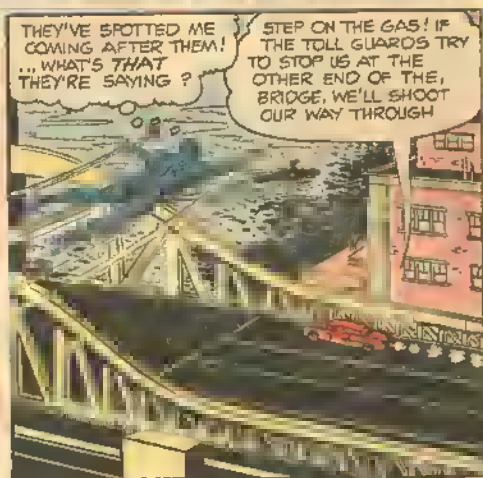
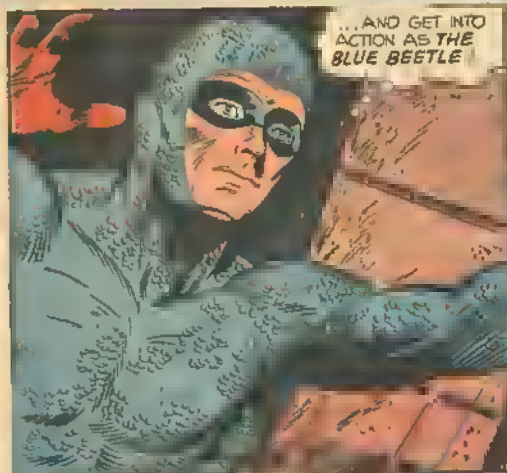
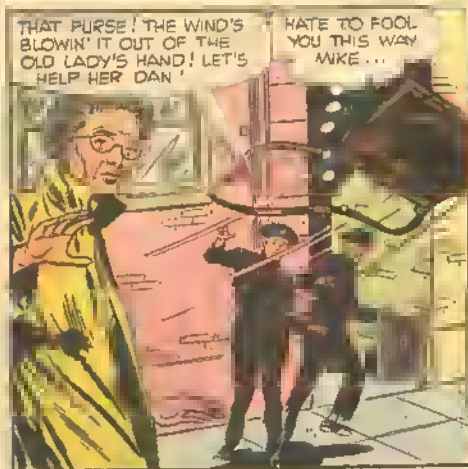
WHILE THE DOOR IS BEING OPENED FOR THE GANG BOSS. LET US GO BACK TWELVE HOURS IN TIME...SO WE CAN LEARN HOW THE MIGHTY BLUE BEETLE HAS BEEN REDUCED TO THIS PITIFUL STATE...

I'M GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU STRAIGHT, MEN. THERE WERE THREE BIG JEWEL ROBBERIES LAST NIGHT...AND I MEAN BIG! ...NOW THREE ROBBERIES DON'T MAKE A CRIME WAVE....

...BUT WE'VE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE SAME GANG PLANS TO PULL THREE MORE TODAY--AND THEN SKIP THE COUNTRY WITH THEIR HAUL BEFORE WE CAN TRACK THEM DOWN! I'M ALERTING ALL OF YOU AS OF NOW. ALL LEAVES ARE CANCELLED, AND I WANT EVERY MAN ON THE FORCE TO KEEP HIS EYES WIDE-OPEN....



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Men!  
Women!**

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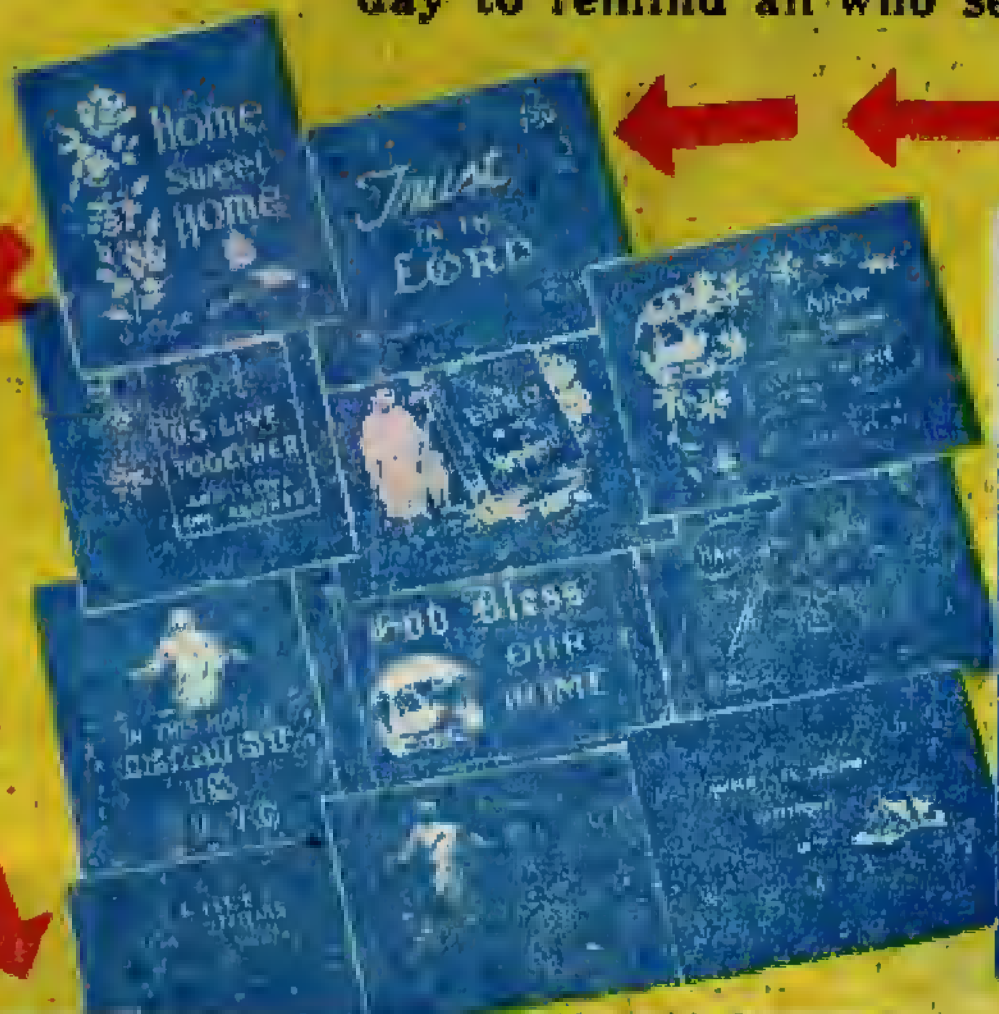
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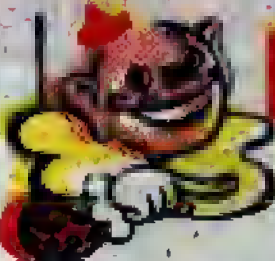
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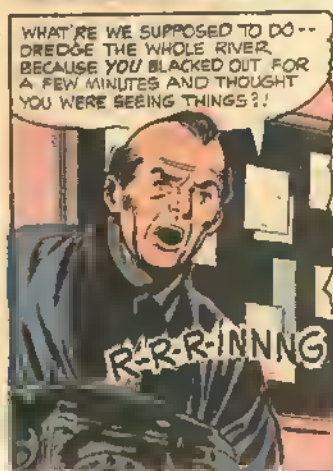
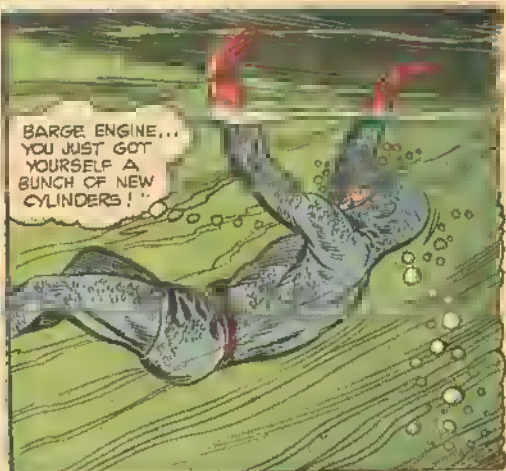
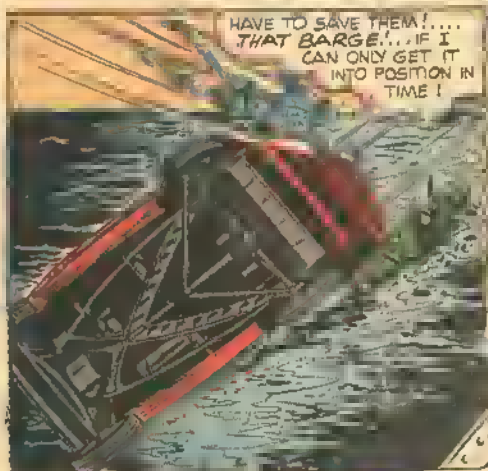
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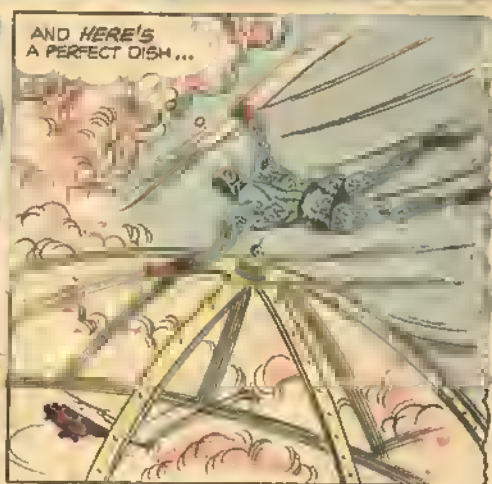
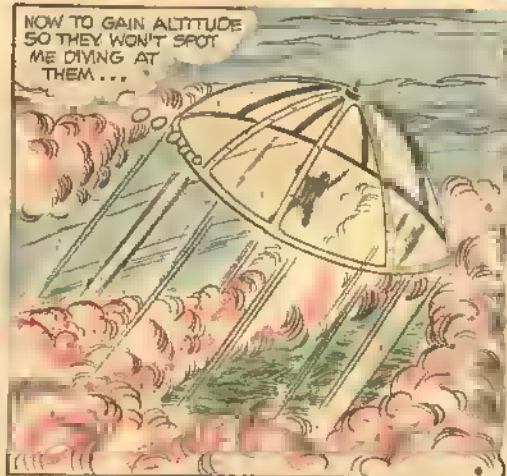
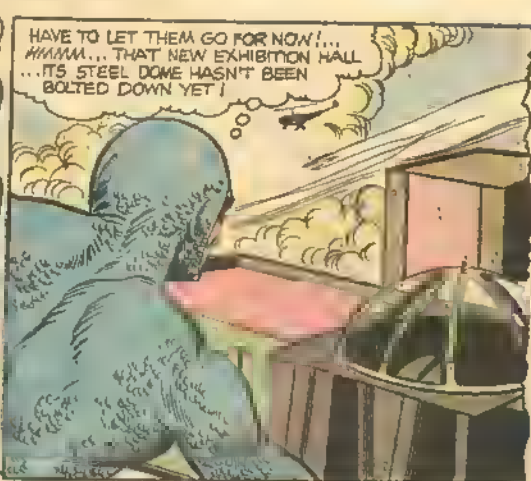
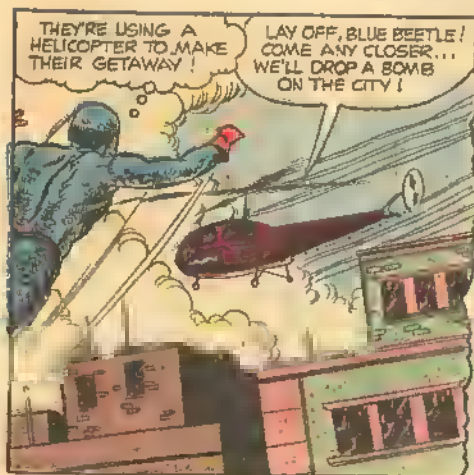


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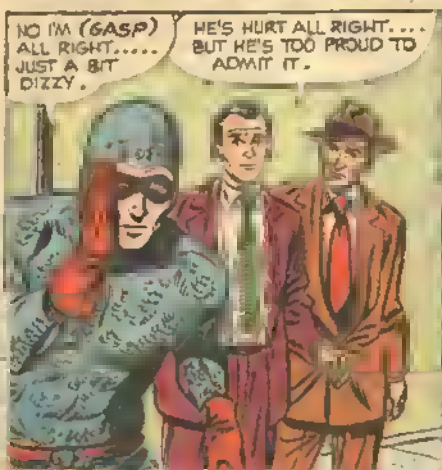




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THEN IN A SHADY SIDE STREET--

LET  
ME GO...  
I'M ALL  
RIGHT!  
I'M--

SLUG HIM! HE'S IN NO  
SHAPE TO FIGHT  
BACK!



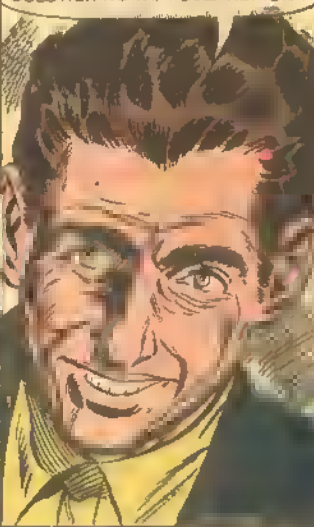
THAT IS HOW **THE BLUE BEETLE**  
WAS CAPTURED!...AND NOW  
THE BOSS WALKS THROUGH THE  
OPENED DOOR--

THIS I HAD TO SEE WITH MY  
OWN EYES--**THE BLUE BEETLE**  
HELPLESS! AND TO THINK I WAS  
TREMBLING THAT THE GIRL RE-  
PORTER HAD TOLD HIM ENOUGH  
TO BRING HIM AFTER ME!

HOW'D THAT DAME EVER GET  
WISE TO YOU, BOSS?



SHE IS A CLEVER GIRL! SHE  
LEARNED THAT I, IGOR MALINSK,  
WAS THE INTERIOR DECORATOR  
FOR ALL THE HOMES THAT WERE  
ROBBED--AND FROM THAT SHE  
DEDUCED THAT I WAS THE ONE  
MAN WHO WOULD KNOW THE  
LOCATION OF ALL THE WALL SAFES.  
FORTUNATELY, I OVERHEARD HER  
QUESTIONING MY RECEPTIONIST..!



I HAVE SEEN HIM--MY CURIOSITY  
IS SATISFIED. NOW GET RID OF  
THIS TREMBLING HULK THAT WAS  
ONCE A MAN OF IRON!



I'M AS STRONG AS I EVER WAS!  
I **FAKED** THAT ACCIDENT, THEN  
STAGGERED ABOUT SO YOU'D  
PULL ME IN...AND NOW I'M  
GOING TO PULL JOAN MASON'S  
WHEREABOUTS OUT OF YOU!



LATER--

YOU  
DID A  
FINE  
JOB.  
MISS  
MASON.  
WE'RE  
ALL  
PROUD  
OF YOU.

BUT  
WHERE'S  
THE  
BLUE  
BEETLE?  
I WANT  
TO  
THANK  
HIM...!

SO THERE  
YOU ARE, DAN  
GARRET! AND  
WHAT'S YOUR  
EXCUSE  
THIS TIME  
FOR WANDER-  
ING ABOUT,  
LOST IN A FOG  
WHEN THERE  
WAS IMPORT-  
ANT POLICE  
WORK TO BE  
DONE...?



THE  
END

# MYSTERY OF THE MISSING EXPERT

by J. L. Keene

**F**ANNY HARTLIP was just crossing West 57th Street to take the bus to Times Square, when it happened, before her very eyes.

Fanny was in a hurry. She was already late this fateful morning, and Editor Sanderson would have something to say about it. She was expected in at half past eight in the morning, so she and the other reporters could hold conference with the City Editor and get their assignments for the day. This day Fate gave her her assignment, and it was to prove more interesting than any her own editor contemplated. Of late she had been covering teas and museums and amusements. This was something else again.

As she passed the Gallery of French Moderns on West 57th Street, intent on making the next bus, a man came hurtling through the air and crashed to the pavement at her very feet. In a moment there was pandemonium. People crowded round, a woman fainted, and someone called the police. Before the police car came flying with screaming siren, Fanny had time to draw her own conclusions.

Naturally they would call it suicide. He had jumped from a seven-story building. Perhaps he had been in ill-health. Perhaps he had a criminal record. Perhaps. It was this chance that the case might prove something more than the usual suicide that kept her waiting around when she should have been reporting to an irate editor.

The police arrived and made a cursory search. Suicide, said the Captain. It happened every day. They searched his pockets for identification.

Fanny approached the captain and flashed her press-card.

"I just happened to be passing," she said. He looked at her suspiciously.

"So you just happened to be passing. Rather a coincidence, isn't it? Go away, miss, I've got enough troubles without lady reporters."

"So you think it's suicide."

"Plain as the nose on your face," he said. She flushed, for her nose, which came to a sharp point, was rather prominent.

The Captain looked.

"Well, I declare. Then it's murder. And someone wants us to think it's a suicide."

I should say he was shot a good many hours ago. Probably last night."

The Captain nodded and looked at her with new respect.

"Tell me, Captain. Who is this man? I see you have gone through his papers."

"I'm sorry, miss, I have no business giving out any information."

"Don't you think you owe me something for saving you from a wrong diagnosis? There's gratitude for you."

He considered. "No one can in truth say I am ungrateful. Only keep it quiet. His name is Paul Lefevre."

She thanked the captain and walked across the street.

Paul Lefevre! She had heard that name somewhere. It was well-known. But for a moment she could not place it. She glanced back at the building, and from where she stood she could see it in perspective. Seven stories, with a glass-roofed studio on top. On the street-floor was the Gallery of French Moderns. Galleries and studios. Well, there were many such on 57th Street, it had no special significance. Yet.

She had it! She should have thought of it in the first place, after covering so many art shows lately. Paul Lefevre was the famous art-critic, the world's most eminent authority on the work of the French modernist Cezanne. French modernist! This was the Gallery of French Moderns. Then she remembered some-



# BLUE BEETLE

thing else. There was at present a great showing of the works of Cezanne, sent from France for exhibition at the New Yorker Art Museum. Was there any connection?

There was no time to call the Office. Fanny jumped into a cab and was off for the museum.

The curator was worried. Was there anything wrong with the Cezanne collection? Well—Perhaps. But he could not lay his finger on just what it was. There were five paintings that — Well, he couldn't swear as to whether they were originals or not. He had sent for the one man who would know—Paul Lefevre. But he could not be found. His home said he was in San Francisco. San Francisco said he had left. He simply had disappeared into thin air. He was troubled no end.

There was work to be done. She called the Homicide Bureau and found out that Inspector Trenron had been put in charge of the case. She made an appointment to meet him in half an hour. She had information. It was important.

The inspector was interested in the chain of coincidence. There was something else, he informed her. They had found a ticket on the body for the eastbound flight of the Transcontinental Airways. How did that fit in?

San Francisco had informed them he had left hurriedly. He had never arrived in New York. If someone had sent for him, there would be a wire. The captain set his men to work. In an hour they returned with a telegram sent to the victim. It read:

"Prof. Paul Lefevre,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Need services immediately connection showing  
Cezanne exhibit . . . emergency . . . can you fly  
here immediately . . . come to rear door museum  
. . . will meet you there . . .

(signed) Jean Perlot  
Assistant Curator  
New York Museum"

"That's it," said the Inspector. "We're off for the museum. Come on, I'll give you a lift."

At the museum they confronted Mr. Perlot with the telegram. He broke down and admitted that he had sent it on his own responsibility. He had been troubled about the paintings, several of them had been tampered with.

He had sent for the expert, but he had never arrived. He had waited several hours, and had then gone on home. Apparently the expert could not come.

"The only crime I am guilty of," he stated, "is taking matters into my own hands here at the museum. But, you see, I could not say what was wrong with the pictures . . ."

The inspector questioned the guards. Had they seen anything suspicious lately? They hesitated. There was something, and it was sort of strange. The men who cleaned up the walls and moulding the day before, from the top of the moving stand they used, had left their scaffolding standing; and when the guards went to search for the cleaners, they had disappeared. This was interesting. The inspector went down to the basement and there, rolled up in a locker, were two pairs of new overalls.

Suddenly they heard a banging inside a closet. It was locked. They broke it open. There were the cleaning men—the real employees. It seems they had been locked in by two men in overalls.

It was beginning to add up. Fanny and the inspector now had outlined the plot. They needed only proof. That they found in a thorough search of the basement. There were dried bloodstains on the floor.

The Assistant Curator was arrested. Faced with the evidence, he confessed. He had been in league with Mr. Demaison, the owner of the Gallery of French Moderns. They had brought in their own men as cleaners, and they had exchanged the pictures, taking the originals with them. But the curator was suspicious; they knew he was about to call in the services of Paul Lefevre. They bear him to the punch. The professor had arrived at night. They had murdered him, and the following morning had thrown him from the roof of the art gallery to make it appear a suicide.

The police sent out an alarm for Mr. Demaison, the ringleader. He had fled. He was found that night on the road to Baltimore; he had fired a bullet into his head.

Fanny Hartlip was bawled out thoroughly by the City Editor. She said nothing, but sat down at her typewriter and banged out the whole story. Revenge was sweet.



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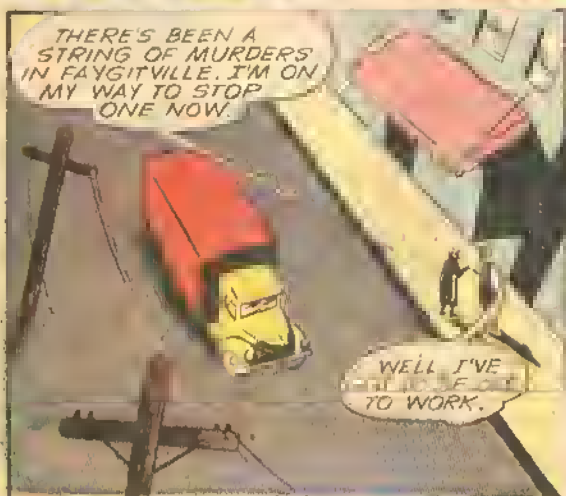
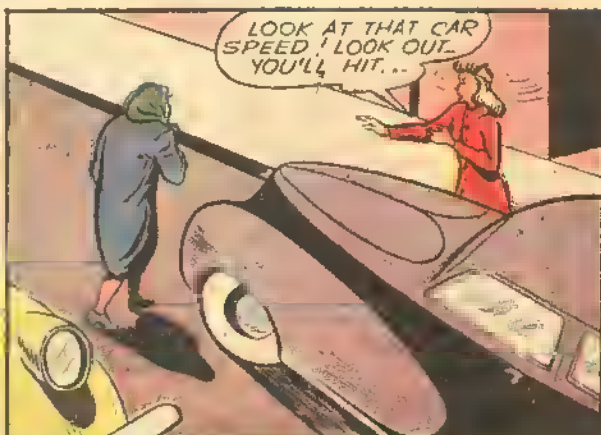
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"SOUPY" MAC DOUGALL  
AND "RAT FACE" REGAN  
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FOR BANK ROBBERY,  
RETURN TO FIND THEIR  
LOOT STOLEN...



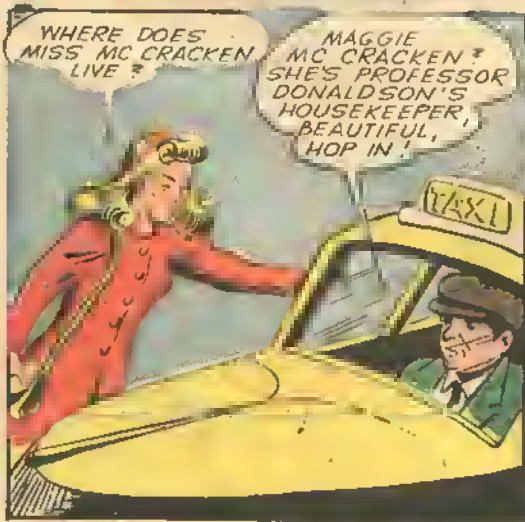
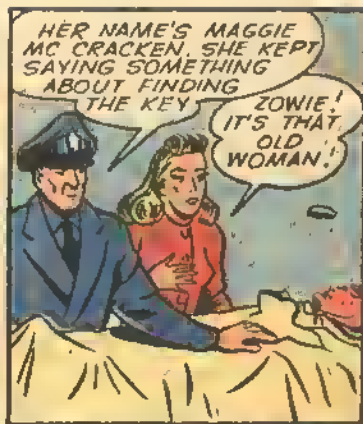
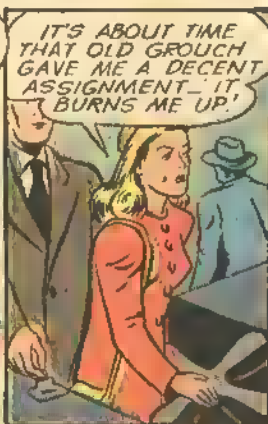
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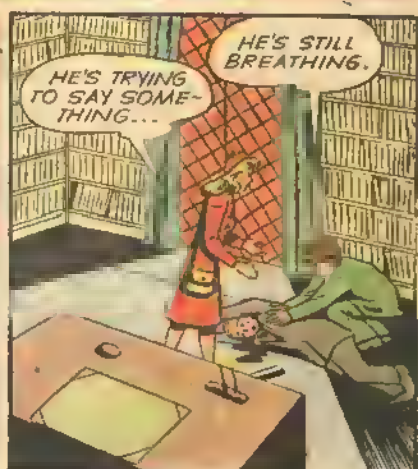
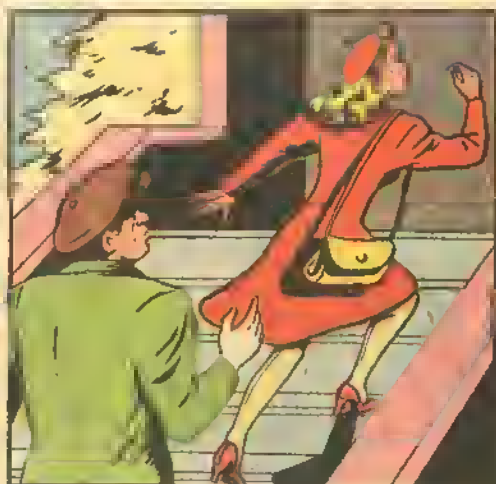
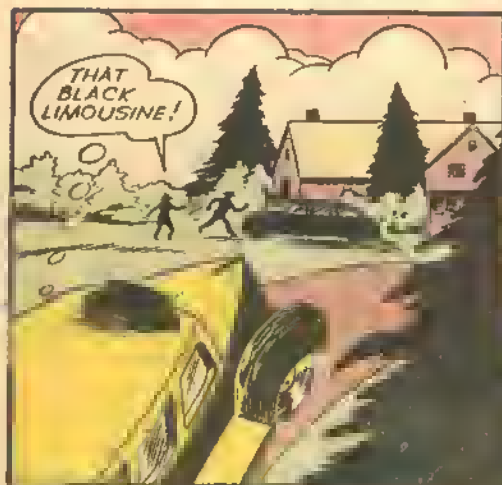




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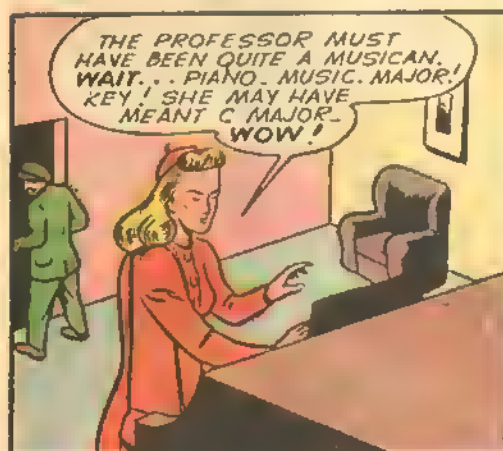


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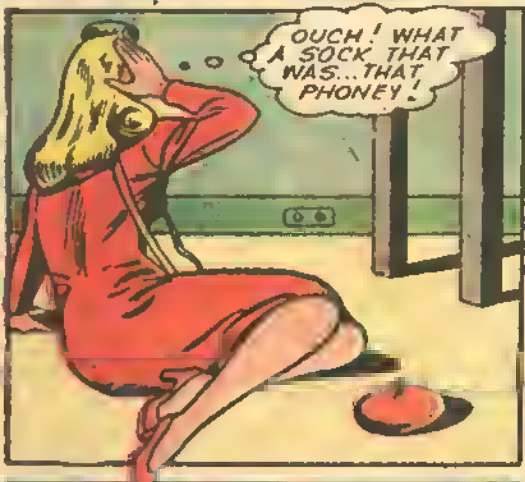




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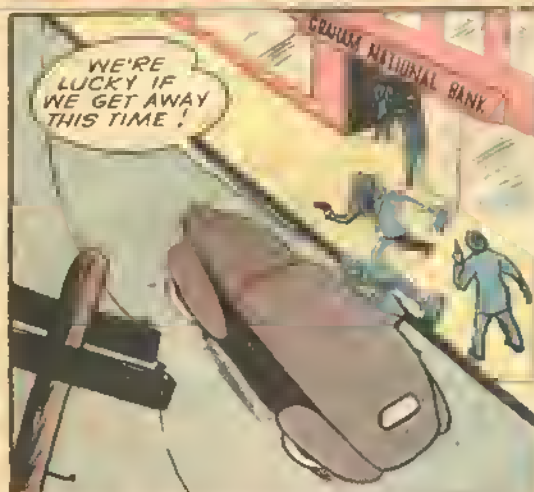


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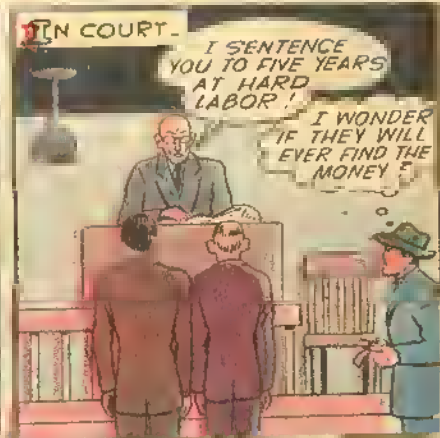




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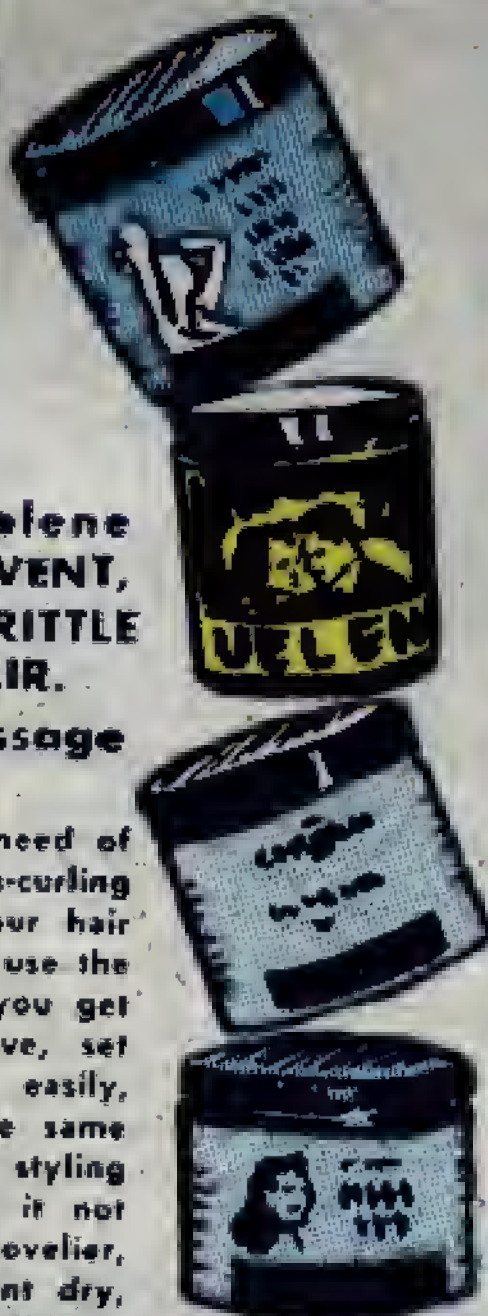
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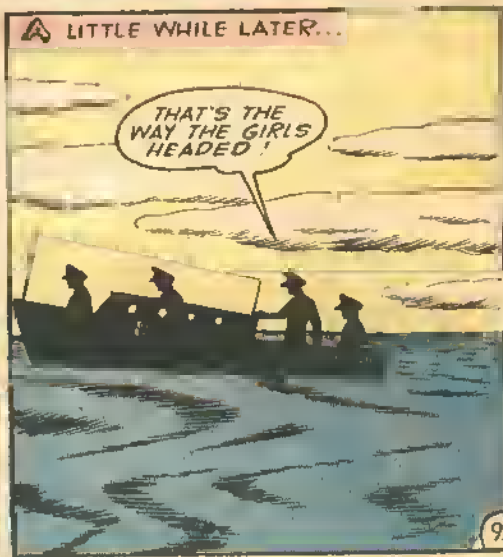
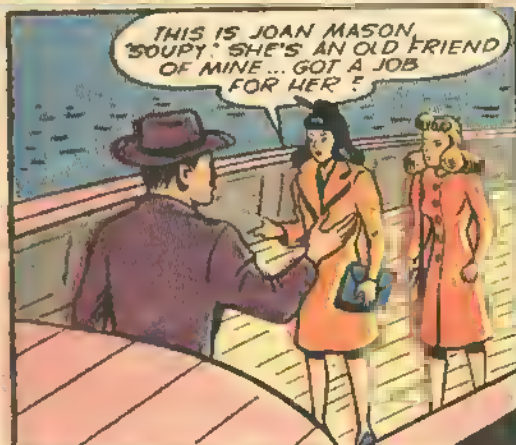
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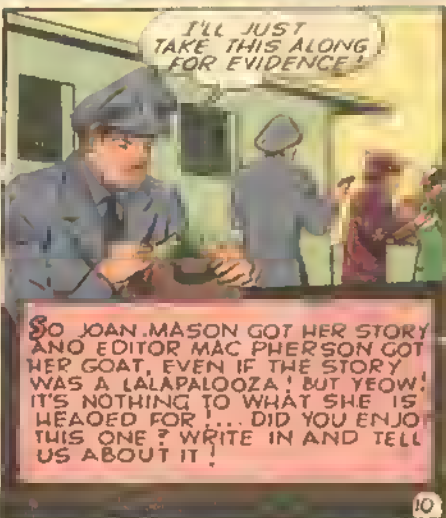
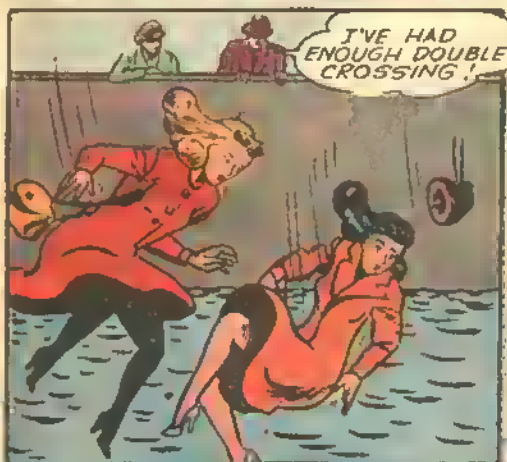
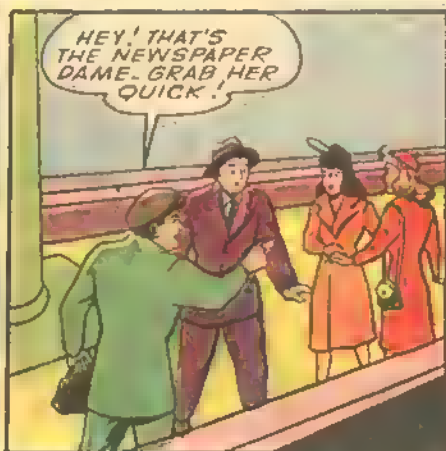


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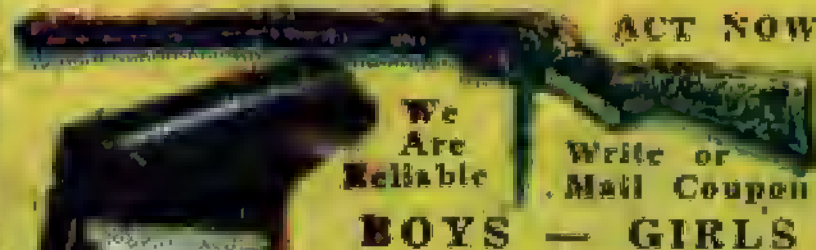
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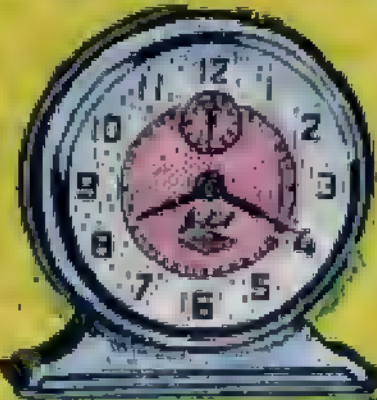
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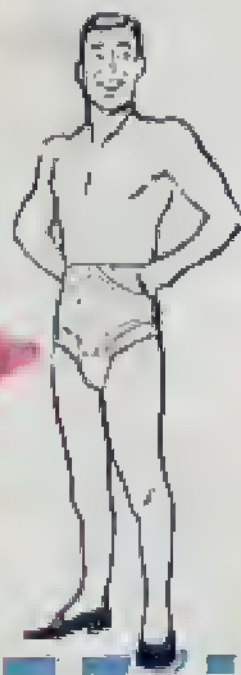


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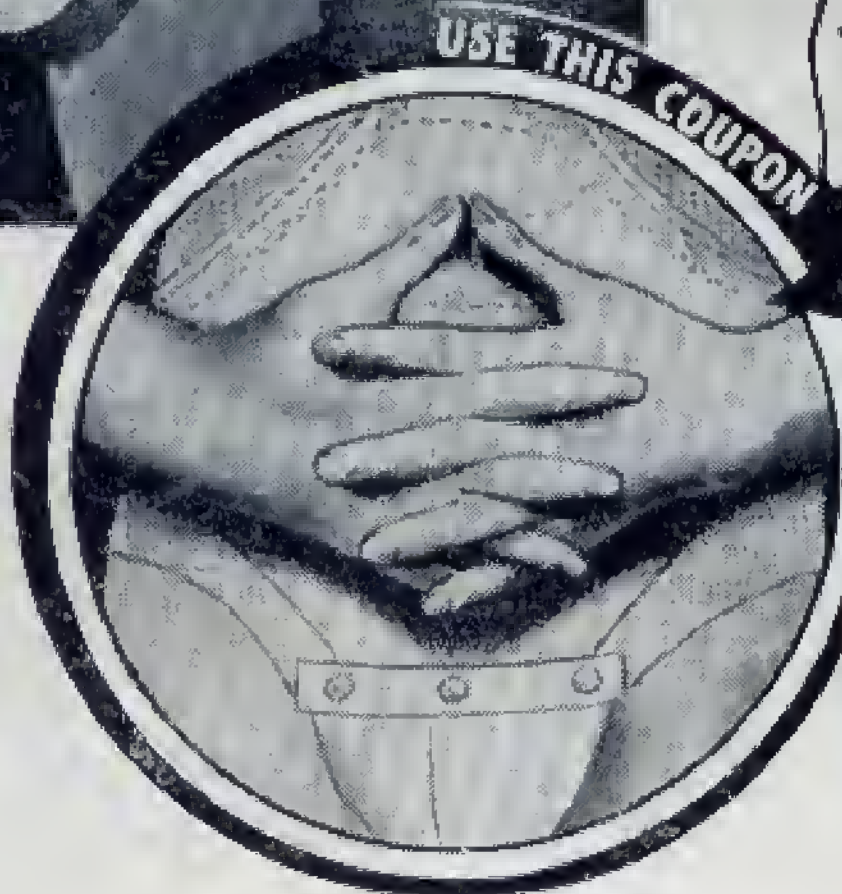
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